



INDIANA EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Provider Participation and Advancement Workgroup

Meeting Minutes Summary

Date: August 18, 2014

MEMBERS

Kevin Bain

Melanie Brizzi

Charlie Geier

Beckie Minglin

Tammy Veselsky

Alonzo Weems

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John Burnett

Connie Sherman

Attendees:

Maddie Solomon, Lisa Henley, Dana Jones, Beth Barrett, Chasity (guest) representing Brandon Brown, Kathryn Raasch, Amanda Lopez, Mike Bachman, Andrew Cullen, Kyle Wehmann, Randy Garratt, Jane Meyer

Key Topics Discussed:

1. EEMG, PreK Pilot, Preschool Development Grant, and City Council/Corporate Marion County Early Education Funding
2. First preschool principal's meeting next Thursday with FSSA and IDOE reps present. Key topics: Getting to PTQ Levels 3-4 and ISTAR-KR.
3. CCDF eligibility as a Level 1 program
4. Playground space issue as barrier to advancing PreK quality levels
5. UWCI preschool program capacity building will be priority for next couple of years
6. A revolving UWCI funds account accessible to other counties for capacity building
7. Ratio and square footage of classroom space: CCDF incorporates ratio, not classroom size as of now
8. Effective July 1, 2015, class size will be addressed in CCDF requirements, but the issue is with any Pilot Program that wants to start in January
9. Credentialing to administer PTQ
10. Brief discussion of implementing pathway in charter schools
11. PreK Pilot program providers will have "quality advisors"
12. ISTAR-KR authentic assessment training and data collection
13. Special Ed vs. General Ed
14. Discontinuing use of marketing tagline
15. "Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System" TQRIS
16. September 24th kickoff meeting for 5 Pilot Counties (any stakeholders are welcome)

Key Questions Raised:

1. Would there be an advantage to continuing the EEMG program along with the PreK Pilot after funding term?
2. PreK Pilot vouchers will be given directly to a family's provider of choice.
3. Will all teachers go through PTQ Level 1 background checks?
4. Does UWCI give capital grants for schools?
5. How is the Teachers Union connected to preschool development in IN?
6. Why can't we just lottery out spots in January? UWCI will meet the 10% match, so what is the holdup?
7. Do we have consensus in moving forward with using the CCDF Checklist plus group size standards for our recommended Pathway? Yes.
8. How do we avoid the quality level improvement bottleneck among preschool providers all wanting to advance at the same time?

**Action Steps:**

1. High Level Project Plan completion with key milestones and deliverables:
Kathryn and Melanie will meet to discuss before next meeting
2. Data Coordination Foundational Element spreadsheet information due date extension to Wednesday, August 27th (*Complete this only if you can.*)
3. Review our additional pathway document after feedback from PTQ Oversight Committee is given (Workgroup members will be notified when this gets posted to Wiggio.)

Next Meeting:

Date: Monday, September 8th 2014

Location: 1155 South High School Road, Indianapolis, IN

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